

KRUGER'S VEILED NO

Regret at the Withdrawal of Old Terms and the Substitution of New.

TEXT OF THE BOER RESPONSE TO ENGLAND

Charges of Bad Faith in the Changing of Terms Plainly Intimated.

DANGERS RUN AT HOME TO PLEASE BRITAIN

Firm Intention to Adhere to the London Convention of 1894.

OFFERS OF ARBITRATION OR CONFERENCE

Final Negative to the New Terms Because Their Acceptance Is Made Dependent on Precedent Conditions.

PRETORIA, Sept. 17.—The reply of the government of the South African republic to the latest dispatch, dated September 12, of the British secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, after acknowledging the receipt of the British note, proceeds, in part, as follows:

"The government deeply regrets the withdrawal, as the government understands it, of the invitation contained in the British dispatch of August 23, and the substitution in place thereof of an entirely new proposal. The proposals now fallen through, contained in the Transvaal dispatches of August 19 and August 21 were elicited from this government by suggestions made by the British diplomatic agent in Pretoria (Cromwell Green) to the Transvaal secretary (P. W. Reitz), suggestions which this government acted upon in good faith, and after specially ascertaining whether they would be likely to prove acceptable to the British government. This government had by no means an intention to raise again the question of its political status, but acted with the sole object of endeavoring by the aid of the local British agent to put an end to the strained condition of affairs.

"It was done in the shape of a proposal which this government deems, both as regards its spirit and form, to be so worded, as, relying upon intimations to this government, would satisfy her majesty's government. This government saw a difficulty in the acceptance of those proposals by the people and legislature of the Transvaal and also contemplated possible dangers connected therewith, but risked making them on account of a sincere desire to secure peace, and because assured by the British agent that such proposals would not be deemed a refusal of his proposals, but would be acted upon by their merits.

"As regards the joint commission the Transvaal adheres to the acceptance of the invitation thereto given by her majesty's government and cannot understand why such a commission, which before was deemed necessary to explain the complicated details of the seven years' law, should now be deemed unnecessary and why it should now, without much inquiry, be thought possible to declare this law inadvisable.

"Further, there must be a misapprehension if it is assumed that this government was prepared to lay proposals for a five-year franchise dependent upon the acceptance of the new population before the Volksraad for unconditional acceptance. As to the language, this government never made any offer such as is referred to, considering as it did, as matters both unnecessary and undesirable.

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